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DECLARATION OF RAILWAY LINE AS NATIONAL PROJECT
Thakur Shri Anurag Singh

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

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(a) Whether his Ministry has received any request from the Ministry of Railways to declare the project of laying a new railway line from Bilaspurto Leh via Manali as`National Project`.

(b) If so, the time when the request was received along with the latest position of the said project; and

(c) The reasons for delay, if any, in this regard and the time by which this project is likely be declared as national project?

Answer

Minister of State in Ministry of Finance:
SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA;

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Ministry of Railways had circulated a draft Note for the CCEA as 19.02.2013 which included a proposal for the construction of Bilaspur-Manali-Leh line as `National Project`.

(c) The Bilaspur-Manali-Leh rail line does not quality for being constructed as a `National Project` in terms of the approved qualifying criteria.